

**Amendments to the specification:**

On page 1, line 3, please amend the heading as follows:

~~Prior Art~~ Background of the Invention

On page 1, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

The invention is based on a method for operating an internal combustion engine ~~as generically defined by the preamble to claim 1.~~ The invention also relates to a corresponding control unit for an internal combustion engine.

On page 2, line 1, please amend the heading as follows:

~~Object and Summary of the Invention~~

On page 2, please delete the second paragraph in its entirety.

On page 3, before line 3, please insert the following heading:

Brief Description of the Drawings

On page 3, before line 14, please insert the following heading:

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment